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OBAMA: FILTERED WATER IN FLINT IS SAFE FOR KIDS OVER 6 YEARS OLD

President Barack Obama visited Flint,
Michigan, on Wednesday, a city struggling
with the effects of lead-poisoned drinking
water, as questions linger over whether his
environmental regulators could have acted more
urgently to address the crisis. He urged parents in
Flint to ensure their children were tested for lead in
their blood even as he sought to assure the community that filtered
water in the city was safe for anyone over the age of 6. Obama said
it would take more than two years to replace water pipes in the city.

US TO BOOST AIRPORT STAFFING TO MANAGE LONG SECURITY LINES

With airlines worried that long security lines may discourage summer travelers, the U.S. government said on Wednesday it will add airport staff and bomb-sniffing dogs and ramp up pre-screening enrollment efforts. The U.S. Transportation Security Administration will add officers at airports expected to have the highest passenger volumes, said Jeh Johnson, secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, in a statement on Wednesday. He added that he has asked Congress to approve additional funds to pay for officers' overtime and to meet "critical short-term needs."

FACEBOOK PAYS \$10,000 TO 10-YEAR-OLD INSTAGRAM HACKER

Facebook has paid a \$10,000 reward to a 10-year-old Finnish boy for finding a glitch in its picture sharing app Instagram. Jani, whose last name was not released for privacy reasons, is the youngest ever recipient of Facebook's "bug bounty," paid to users who find bugs or weaknesses in its platforms. "I wanted to see if Instagram's comment field could stand malicious code. Turns out it couldn't," Jani told Finland's Iltalehti newspaper. Facebook said the glitch was fixed in February and the reward was paid in March. Jani, who is still too young to have a Facebook or Instagram account of his own, said he learned coding from YouTube videos and found a way to delete user comments from Instagram accounts. "I could have deleted anyone's comments from there. Even Justin Bieber's," he told Iltalehti. He said he was thinking about a career in data security, but for now his plans include buying a new bike and a soccer ball with his reward money. REUTERS



Two women look at literature in the New Americans Corner at the Brooklyn Public Library, the doors of which are shown below. PROVIDED

BPL opens doors to more than just books

The 60-branch Brooklyn Public Library system will be honored for its outreach services including citizenship classes for new Americans.



In the digital era, when some might argue that libraries are becoming irrelevant, one New York City library system is proving that it is more than just a place to sit and read.

The Brooklyn Public Library (BPL), which features 60 branches across the borough, will receive in June the Institute of Museum and Library Services' National Medal — the country's highest honor for museums and libraries.

The library system — which is considered the fifth largest in the country — is being recognized for the outreach services it continuously offers to residents, such as citizenship classes for new Americans, creative aging workshops for older adults, book delivery to those who are homebound and oral history collection for veterans.

"Great libraries reflect the communities that they serve and Brooklyn is such a diverse community," said Linda Johnson, president and CEO of the BPL.

Johnson added that the goal of the library is to reach out to the communities across the borough and meet the needs of residents. Services are provided for groups of people that face challenges in one way or another, especially large immigrant communities which need help to navigate in the city, and services are adapted based on what works for each community they serve.

She also believes that libraries play a critical role especially for those who might not be able to access resources due to lack of money or even access to the Internet to learn more about what can help them.

"People who have Internet access at home don't give it a second thought," Johnson said. "The whole notion of bridging the digital divide and improving access in all corners of the borough is really what is critical."

For Flatbush resident

Kim Best, the BPL has been there for her from the moment she came to the United States as a young girl from Guyana — becoming a place for her to go and do homework — to just recently when she found out that although she had been living in the country for 35 years, she wasn't a citizen.

Best's mother had been naturalized as a citizen after Best turned 18, which no longer qualified her to also be given citizenship, but Best did not find out until last May.

Even though she said her life was turned upside down, she was able to get immediate help from the BPL and in the matter of just 11 weeks was guided through every step of the way to becoming a citizen.

"A huge weight came off my shoulders because I had someone to help me," Best said. "Words cannot even describe how amazing and awesome they have been through the process."

The mother of one said that along with helping her gain her citizenship, the BPL has played a large role in her life as she was growing up and now she continues to go to the library with her 10-year-old son

She added that she has library dates with her son and she teaches him about all the resources that are available at the branches.

The two are also constantly participating in events across the borough with the library system.

Best will be joining Johnson on June 1 in Washington, D.C., for the awards ceremony and she said she believes the "library is more than deserving" of the recognition.

"I am so emotional because they've done so much for me, there's no way to repay them," she said. "I am so happy they are being recognized because they have changed my life and changed other people's lives."

"Words cannot even describe how amazing and awesome they have been through the (citizenship) process."



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Cities, schools say transgender restroom use a matter of identity

New York, Boston and Philly adopted non-discrimination policies long before access became part of "culture war."

America's culture wars have moved from the voting booth to the wedding chapel and, now, to the restroom, where the debate over transgender individuals' rights has states, cities, schools and businesses adopting nondiscrimination policies.

That's been the approach taken by the Philadelphia School District, Massachusetts state lawmakers and New York City, all of which have come out strongly in favor of transgender people using bathrooms of their gender identity.

But long before who was allowed to use restrooms became a presidential campaign issue, city halls and school districts in Boston, New York and Philadelphia had been quietly dealing with it. Their policies, according to spokespersons, complied with federal civil rights guidelines from the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights (OCR) and respected the privacy of students, employees and citizens.

All without causing a backlash.

"This has become a front-page story, maybe because of the presidential races, but districts have been facing this for a long time without it becoming a big deal,' said Mark

Fitzgerald, a partner at Fox Rothschild, a firm that has worked with school districts across Pennsylvania

and advised them on policies for trans students.

"They seem to be using common sense and working with the kids and making sure they're comfortable," he said. 'You don't necessarily need a policy, but you need to be mindful of

what the legal obligations are from such governing entities as the OCR."

New York

In New York City, the Department of Education (DÔE) has created guidelines intended to help schools across the city guarantee a safe learning environment while also ensuring the social integration of transgender students.

The guidelines address areas such as students' official records, use of proper names and pronouns, sports and physical education, restroom and locker room accessibility, and also offers resources for transgender or "transitioning" students.

"We are dedicated to creating a safe and supportive environment for transgender and gender non-conforming individuals," said Toya Holness, DOE spokeswoman. "Bathroom use is an important issue for our students and we are working to ensure the facilities in our buildings are inclusive of all genders over the coming months."

According to the guidelines, a transgender student should not be required to use a locker room or restroom that conflicts with their gender identity.

Transgender students who seek more private matters when it comes to using the bathroom or a locker room will be provided with alternative arrangements such as private areas or use of



with their gender identity without being required to verify their gender.

The order applies to city-owned buildings, public parks, pools, certain museums, and recreation centers. City agencies are also required to post the new single-sex facility policy in visible locations.

At the end of 2015, the city's Commission on Human Rights issued a new legal enforcement guidance that said any employer, housing provider or public accommodation that rejects access to bathrooms or single-sex facilities based on gender identity can be prosecuted for violating the NYC

for multi-racial, -cultural, and -gender education, said spokesman Fernando Gallard.

"We accommodate students' requests to use bathroom facilities or any other types of facilities, according to the gender that they identify with,' he said. "We are in the midst of working on a policy that specifically talks about the rights of transgender and gender nonconforming students."

Philadelphia's nondiscrimination law says that citywide, transgender people can use the bathroom of the gender they identify with, everywhere from the airport to

"Transgender people have been using the bathroom that is appropriate for their gender identity, not what is on their birth certificate, for years in Philadelphia," said Nellie

Fitzpatrick, Philly's director of LGBT Affairs. "The result is all people are safer and healthier."

Massachusetts

Massachusetts lawmakers appear poised to pass a

bill that would add discrimination protections for transgender people in public places such as parks and restaurants. Some of their colleagues have raised objections, however, citing concerns about privacy in bathrooms and locker rooms.

"I'm suggesting that the privacy rights of our children matter," Rep. James Lyons, a Republican, said at a hearing on the bill in October. "We ought to at least think about that."

Andrew Beckwith, president of the conservative Massachusetts Family Institute, has called the idea of a transgender woman using a women's bathroom "entirely inappropriate.'

Gov. Charlie Baker hasn't taken a position on the bill, nor has he ruled out a veto. In April, though, he said in a statement that he "believes people should use the restroom facility they feel comfortable using."

The measure has support from a majority of legislators by a wide margin, as well as many top politicians, among them Boston Mayor Marty

Walsh in 2015 opened two gender-neutral bathrooms in City Hall.

Boston this week became the fourth city in the nation to fly the white-pink-and-blue transgender pride flag. It has been flying on a pole in City Hall Plaza since Monday, and Walsh has pledged to keep it there until the bill passes.

A city ordinance in Boston already provides public accommodations protections to trans people within city limits.

Massachusetts schools have been required by law since 2011 to allow students to use the bathrooms and locker rooms that correspond with their gender identity. Among other measures, schools have been advised to provide transgender students access to private, gender-neutral bathrooms in places like nurses offices.

The new bill also has the support of the Massachusetts Association of Superintendents.

Nationally

The reaction elsewhere has been swift and visceral. North Carolina passed a so-called bathroom bill restricting transgender people to using the restroom that corresponds with their birth gender, not their identity.

An online video of a school board meeting in South Carolina shows a large crowd erupting into a rendition of "Jesus Loves Me" to drown out the lone speaker in support of transgender rights. A petition started by the Mississippi-based American Family Association (AFA) to boycott Target after the retailer announced its customers can use whatever bathroom meets their gender identity, has 1.3 million signatures.

"Target's policy is exactly how sexual predators get access to their victims," the petition states. "This means a man can simply say he 'feels like a woman today' and enter the women's restroom ... even if young girls or women are already in there.

SAM NEWHOUSE, ANGY ALTAMIRANO AND SPENCER BUELL

"My feeling is, we are dealing with human needs, and we ought to give transgender people rights, then deal with whatever practical problems there are."

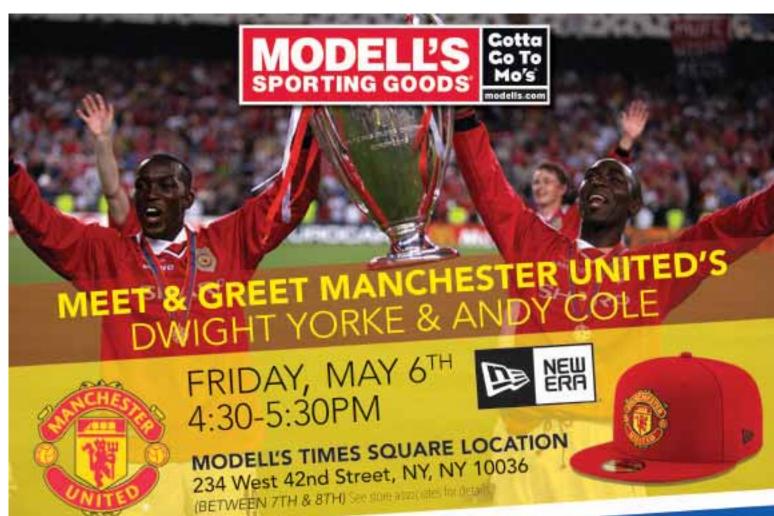
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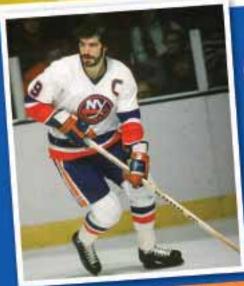
In March, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio signed an executive order requiring city agencies to guarantee that employees and the public will be given access to city singlesex facilities consistent

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Philadelphia

The Philadelphia School District allows its transgender students to use the bathroom of the gender they identify with under a general policy







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Inside Look: NYC rentals that cost over \$30,000 a month

For celebrities and moguls looking for high-end digs, these apartments are the way to go.



We all know the rent is too damn high - but these apartments take that statement to a whole new level.

For those lucky few who can shell out tens of thousands of dollars a month on a New York City apartment, the smart move would be to buy in this typically strong real estate market.

But for those looking for temporary stays, such as celebrities, high-end rentals are the way to go - as some come furnished and include hotel amenities.

Here are five upscale rentals that may cost more than you make in a year, but provide the jetset with plenty of space, prime locations and even a grand piano.



20 East 76th St., Upper East Side

\$125,00/month

The two-bedroom, two-anda-half bath Presidential Suite was made for entertaining. Located just one block from Central Park at The Surrey, which was recently rated the

No. 1 hotel in New York by Condé Nast Traveler readers, this residence gives a whole new meaning to "white-glove property." Equipped with everything you would find in a modern apartment, the

suite offers those looking for short and long stays a 25-foot-by-28-foot living room, and 28-foot terrace with park views. Guests can also enjoy a baby grand piano



4 Centre Market Place, Nolita

\$35,000/month

Though this downtown home offers 5,000 square feet of indoor space, it's the six outdoor spaces that shine. They include a courtyard movie theater with a 120-inch projection screen near a fire pit, and Jacuzziequipped roofdeck. There is also a dine-in wine cellar in the three-bedroom, four-bathroom townhouse. The owner is also offering a driver with this shortterm, furnished rental for an additional charge



Towers of Waldorf Astoria Hotel, Midtown

\$75,000/month

Short- and long-term leasing is available at this notable address that once had Winston Churchill as a resident. Renters will find old-school decadence inside this two bedroom, two-and-a-half bathroom suite. It features reds and dark mahogany wood in a "contemporary

theme." There is also a living room with grand piano, formal dining room that seats 12, full kitchen and marbled foyer. Residents are offered onsite car service, 24-hour room service, complimentary breakfast, daily maid service with turndown and discount pricing on spa services, which can be requested to the



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144 Duane St., **Tribeca**

\$90,000/month

Renters will figuratively and literally live large in this Tribeca loft. The rental has 10,829 square feet with four bedrooms and seven bathrooms. According to its listing, the triplex "is one of the largest residences to ever become available in New York City." The ceiling heights range from 10 feet to 25 feet, with large windows and multiple skylights. There is additional outdoor space with a private roof deck.

114 East 32nd St., Murray Hill

\$57,660 / month

Described by a Citi Habitats spokesman as "perfect for celebrities in town for a part, new high-profile divorcees or those whose permanent home is undergoing a renovation," this Murray Hill rental is available for one month to a year. The three-bedroom duplex features 1,829 square feet

of indoor space, with 1,450 square feet of outdoor space and views of the Empire State and Chrysler buildings. But there is more to this luxury rental than the unit. Residents can use the building's hotelstyle amenities, including a fitness center, indoor lap pool, Turkish bath, room service and housekeeping







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Artist ends suit over Shkreli's one-of-a-kind Wu-Tang album

The former chief of Turing Pharmaceuticals is known for having sparked outrage last year when he raised the price of the anti-parasitic drug Daraprim by more than 5,000 percent.

An artist from Long Island, New York, has ended his lawsuit blaming indicted drug executive Martin Shkreli and Wu-Tang Clan leader Robert

"RZA" Diggs for stealing his illustrations for one-of-a-kind album that Shkreli bought for \$2 million.

Jason Koza, of Co-

piague, New York, on Tuesday dismissed his copyright infringement case against Diggs, Wu Tang producer Tarik "Cilvaringz" Azzougarh and Paddle8 NY LLC, which auctioned the "Once Upon a Time in Shaolin" album to Shkreli in November.

"The dispute has been resolved," Koza's lawyer Peter Scoolidge said in an email on Wednesday. He declined to elaborate.

Stephen Rothschild, a lawyer for Diggs, was not immediately available for comment on Wednesday.

Shkreli had been dropped from the case on April 18. The former chief of Turing Pharmaceuticals is known for having sparked outrage last year when he raised the price of the antiparasitic infection drug Daraprim by more than 5,000 percent.

Koza, a Fashion Institute of Technology graduate, sued Diggs after finding his art had been used in the packaging of "Shaolin," and Shkreli for letting three works depicting other Wu-Tang members accompany a

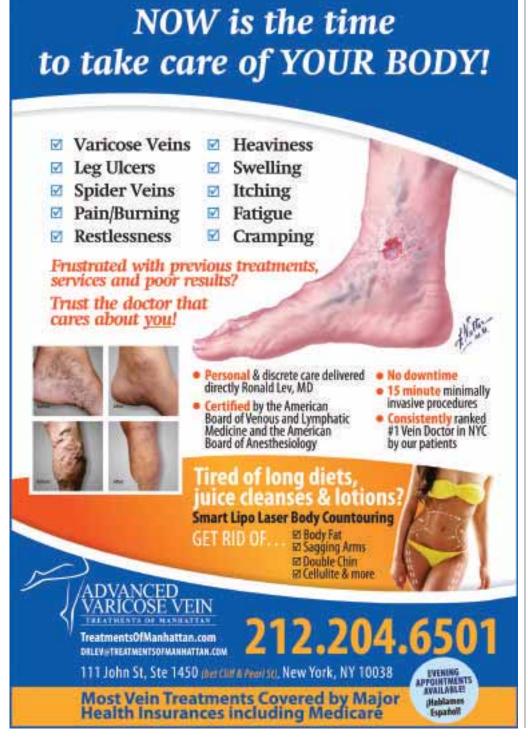


Martin Shkreli GETTY IMAGES

Jan. 29 article at Vice.

Shkreli has bragged that he had no plans to listen to the hip-hop group's album, but bought it to "keep it from the people."

He has pleaded not guilty to fraud charges announced in December, which are unrelated to Daraprim. REUTERS



BIKE VS. PRIUS

Police: Brooklyn driver attacked by bicyclist

Police are seeking a bicyclist wanted for questioning in an alleged Brooklyn assault against a Prius driver.

On Monday around 7:45 p.m. on McGuinness Boulevard between Meeker Avenue and Bayard Street in Greenpoint.



Cops searching for this man. PROVIDED

a driver, 59, got into a traffic dispute with a bicyclist, police reported.

The bicyclist allegedly used a bike lock to strike the Prius during the dispute, breaking the car's mirror, according to police.

Authorities stated that the bicyclist then opened the driver's door and hit the victim in the head with the bike lock before fleeing in an unknown direction.

The driver was taken to Bellevue Hospital where he was treated for injuries sustained to his head and hand, officials said.

Police described the bicyclist as a black man between the ages of 22 and 35, approximately 5-foot-11 and 170 pounds. He was last seen wearing dark pants without a shirt.

Anyone with information should call 1-800-577-TIPS or, for Spanish, 1-888-57-PISTA. The public can also submit tips at www.NYPDcrimestoppers.com.

Video shows four suspects in attacks in Hell's Kitchen



The four suspects are shown to be teenagers carrying wrapped flowers. **PROVIDED**

In both incidents, the suspects struck the victims in the face with objects, including a glass bottle.



Police are asking for the public's help in identifying four young men wanted for attacking two men just hours apart in front of a Midtown Manhattan apartment building.

The first incident occurred April 23 at about 12:25 a.m. when the group of suspects approached a 36-year-old man in front of 530 West 45th St., according to authorities. The suspects then repeatedly struck the

struck the man with an unknown object, causing facial injuries.

The suspects ran away and the victim was taken to Mount Sinai West hospital, where he was treated and released.

Less than two hours later at 2:10 a.m., the group allegedly approached a 25-year-old

Got info?

Anyone with information in regards to this incident is asked to call the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline at 800-577-TIPS or for Spanish 1-888-57-PISTA (74782).

The public can also submit their tips by logging onto the Crime Stoppers website or texting their tips to 274637(CRIMES) then enter TIP577.

man in front of the same apartment building and then repeatedly hit the victim with a glass bottle in the face, police said. The suspects then ran away from the site.

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The second victim, ording who suffered swelling in the face and had a cut on his left hand, was treated at Mount

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was treated at Mount Sinai West hospital and released. The NYPD

— which released a surveillance video of the group — describes the suspects as black males between 16 and 20 years old and about 160

They were last seen wearing dark pants and dark shirts.

POLISHED THIEF

Man wanted for stealing 700 bottles of nail polish

Police are looking for a Bronx man they say stole close to 700 bottles of nail polish from Midtown Manhattan Duane Reade stores in two months.

The first incident occurred Jan. 7 at about 4:48 p.m. when the suspect — identified as Juan Baez — entered a Duane Reade at 22 West 48th St. and put about 192 bottles of nail polish inside his backpack and walked out of

the store without paying, according to authorities.

On April 2 at about 4:56 p.m., Baez allegedly entered the Duane Reade at 1370 Sixth Ave. and took about 315 bottles of nail polish and again put them inside his backpack and then walked out of the store, according to police.

A week later, on April 11 at about 7:21 p.m., police said Baez returned to the 48th Street Duane Reade and placed about 186 nail



uan Baez **provided**}

polish bottles inside his backpack and walked out of the store.

The NYPD has released a mug shot of Baez and is asking for the public's help in locating him.

Anyone with information is asked to call the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline at 1-800-577-TIPS (8477). Also submit tips by logging onto the Crime Stoppers website or by texting their tips to 274637 (CRIMES) then enter TIP577. AMOY ATTAMIRANO





RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE



Trump, last man standing in Republican White House race, now has to unify party

Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus called Trump the party's presumptive nominee in a tweet on Tuesday night.

Donald Trump became the last man standing in the race for the Republican presidential nomination on Wednesday, as one after the other his sole remaining rivals, Ted Cruz and John Kasich, faded out of the picture.

Anointed the presumptive nominee after winning Indiana on Tuesday, the 69-year-old New York billionaire turned to a new phase in his cam-

paign, planning to set up a vice presidential selection committee and stepping up efforts to seek unity with more Republicans.

But the wounds from a brutal primary battle were still raw among many Republican loyalists who simply cannot bear to support Trump because they worry he could spell disaster for the party in the Nov. 8 elections.

Kasich, the Ohio governor who stayed in the race in hopes of persuading Republicans to choose him as the nominee at a contested convention in July, has dropped out of the race now that a contested convention has been averted.

Trump has overcome sustained opposition from Republican rivals by us-



ing his star power to give voice to an anti-establishment movement. His supporters have been wildly enthusiastic about his "America First" platform, which has strayed far from some conservative bulwarks like free trade

and military interventionism.

Trump's immediate challenge is to mend deep fissures within the Republican Party, easing tensions with party loyalists who have been appalled by his bombastic, bully-

ing style, his denigrating comments about women and his proposals to build a wall on the border with Mexico and deport 11 million illegal immigrants.

In a series of Wednesday morning television interviews, Trump made clear he would not be looking to placate everyone after a tumultuous primary campaign in which many establishment Republicans rejected him and spawned Stop Trump and Never Trump movements.

"I am confident that I can unite much of it, some of it I don't want," Trump said on NBC's "Today" show. "Honestly, there are some people I really don't want. People will be voting for me. They're not voting for the party."

Trump believes more Republicans will support him when they consider the possibility of Hillary Clinton, favorite to be the Democratic nominee, being elected president, Trump spokeswoman Katrina Pierson said.



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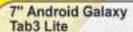
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Lawsuit extends fascination with Kent State 46 years on

The Kent State shootings, also known as the Mav 4 massacre or the Kent State massacre, occurred at Kent State University and involved the shooting of unarmed college students by the Ohio National Guard in 1970.

A federal lawsuit filed on Wednesday revives lingering questions about the bloodshed at Kent State University, a traumatic event in U.S. history that still holds sway over many who lived through it 46 years ago.

The lawsuit, filed in the Western District of New York by Buffalo attorney Michael Kuzma, asks the Federal Bureau of Investigation to release all



National Guard troops throw tear gas into the rioters at Kent State protesting the American invasion of Cambodia, underwood Archives/GETTY IMAGES

records about a mysterious figure in the events of May 4, 1970, when Ohio National Guard troops shot dead four unarmed people and wounded nine others during a campus protest against the Vietnam War.

The deaths inflamed emotions in a country already polarized over the war and left an image seared in the national memory: John Paul Filo's Pulitzer Prize-winning photograph of Mary Ann Vecchio grieving over the body of victim Jeffrey Miller.

The investigation left many who followed the case unsatisfied, and unanswered questions surround a man named Terry

Norman, now 67, was a student and informant for the FBI. He carried a .38 handgun and a camera that day and his precise role has been disputed ever since.

Some experts speculate he fired the shots that provoked the National Guard's volley, although he told investigators he

never shot his gun. Others have said he may have fired rounds 70 seconds earlier that had no bearing on the National Guard.

Norman has kept quiet, declining all media inquiries over the years. Reuters could not reach him at his last listed telephone number and email

"Terry Norman is in a sense the second gunman on the grassy knoll ... He's been kind of a handy bogeyman or a red said Howard herring," Means, author of the recently released "67 Shots: Kent State and the End of American Innocence.

Means and William A. Gordon, author of the 1990 book "Four Dead in Ohio," said they believe the FBI has released all relevant documents about Norman but they support another effort to force the agency to check its files again. REUTERS



Tesla production, spending rising

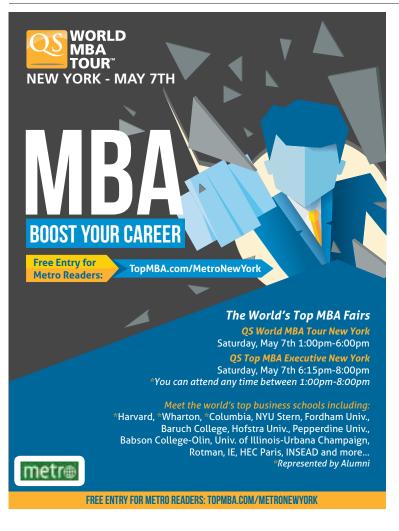
Electric carmaker Tesla Motors said it would accelerate production to meet strong demand for its upcoming Model 3 massmarket sedan, but higher spending will make it harder to reach promises of profitability this year.

Tesla shares rose more than 5 percent to \$234.70 in after hours trade on Wednesday after the company said it was on track to deliver 80,000 to 90,000 electric vehicles this year and vowed to reach an annual production target of 500,000 cars in 2018, two years faster than expected.

Tesla reported a wider first-quarter net loss, although results broadly beat Wall Street targets.

But a 50 percent rise to \$2.25 billion for 2016 capital expenditures, and a suggestion the company might need to tap the capital markets, underscored cash hurdles for the Silicon Valley company led by Elon Musk.

Increasing production five fold over the next two years will be challenging and likely require some additional capital but this is our goal," Tesla said in a statement.





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US, allies to do more to combat Islamic State: Carter

The defense secretary made the comment following talks in Germany with defense ministers and representatives from 11 other countries participating in the alliance.

U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter said on Wednesday that Washington and its allies had agreed to do more in their campaign to defeat Islamic State, but that more risks lay ahead.

Carter said the United States greatly regretted the death of a Navy SEAL in an attack by the jihadist group in northern Iraq on Tuesday, naming the man as Petty Officer First Class Charles Keating.

"These risks will continue ... but allowing ISIL safe haven would carry greater risk for us all," Carter add-



A F18 Super Hornet prepares to land on a US Navy aircraft carrier GETTY IMAGES

ed, using an acronym for Islamic State.

"We also agreed that all of our friends and allies across the counter-ISIL coalition can and must do more as well, both to confront ISIL in Iraq and Syria and its metastases else-

The talks included ministers from France, Britain and Germany and were planned well in advance of Tuesday's attack, in which Islamic State fighters blasted through Kurdish defenses and overran a town.

The elite serviceman was the third American to be killed in direct combat since the U.S.-led coalition launched a campaign in 2014 to "degrade and destroy" Islamic State, and is a measure of its deepening involvement in the con-

flict. A U.S. military spokesman told reporters in a Pentagon briefing that the Navy SEAL was part of a "quick reaction force" that had been called in by American advisers.

In mid-April, the United States announced plans to send an additional 200 troops to Iraq and put them closer to the front lines of battle to advise Iraqi forces.

In late April, President Barack Obama announced he would send an additional 250 special operations forces to Syria, greatly expanding the U.S. presence on the ground there to help draw in more Syrian fighters to combat Islamic

Carter said the risks extended to pilots flying a U.S.-led campaign of daily air strikes. "Every time a pilot goes up in an airplane above Syria or Iraq they're at risk," he said.

The Islamist militants have been broadly retreating since December, when the Iraqi army recaptured Ramadi, the largest city in the western region. Last month, the Iraqi army retook the nearby region of Hit, pushing the militants further north along the Euphrates River valley.

But U.S. officials acknowledge that the military gains are not enough. **BRIEF**

Big data breaches found at major email services: Expert

Hundreds of millions of hacked user names and passwords for email accounts and other websites are being traded in Russia's criminal underworld, a security expert told Reuters.

The discovery of 272.3 million stolen accounts included a majority of users of Mail.ru, Russia's most popular email service, and smaller fractions of Google, Yahoo and Microsoft email users, said Alex Holden, founder and chief information security officer of Hold Security.

It is one of the biggest stashes of stolen credentials to be uncovered since cyber attacks hit major U.S. banks and retailers two years ago.

Holden was previously instrumental in uncovering some of the world's biggest known data breaches, affecting tens of millions of users at Adobe Systems, JPMorgan and Target and exposing them to subsequent cyber crimes.

The latest discovery came after Hold Security researchers found a young Russian hacker bragging in an online forum that he had collected and was ready to give away a far larger number of stolen credentials

that ended up totalling 1.17 billion records.

After eliminating duplicates, Holden said, the cache contained nearly 57 million Mail. ru accounts - a big chunk of the 64 million monthly active email users Mail.ru said it had at the end of last year. It also included tens of millions of credentials for the world's three big email providers, Gmail, Microsoft and Yahoo, plus hundreds of thousands of accounts at German and Chinese email providers.

"This information is potent. It is floating around in the underground and this person has shown he's willing to give the data away to people who are nice to him," said Holden, the former chief security officer at U.S. brokerage R.W. Baird.

"These credentials can be abused multiple times.

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Raging wildfire forces evacuation of 88K in Canada's Fort McMurray

A raging wildfire that forced the evacuation of all 88,000 residents of the western Canadian city of Fort McMurray has destroyed 1,600 structures, ravaged one neighborhood, damaged others and halted incoming and outgoing commercial flights, authorities said on Wednesday.

"This is a nasty and dirty fire," Chief Darby Allen of the Fort McMurray fire department told reporters of a blaze that has prompted the biggest evacuation ever in Canada's Alberta province.

Fuel shortages and heavy traffic snarled the departure of residents from Fort McMurray,

"The fire has resisted all suppression efforts."

located in the northeastern part of the province of Alberta in the heart of Canada's oil sands region.

Firefighters have not been able to bring the wildfire under control since it began on Sunday, and hot, dry winds forecast for later on Wednesday promised to complicate matters. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said the military would deploy planes to help the stricken city if needed.

While major oil sands facilities were not in the fire's path, the blaze disrupted some operations. Royal Dutch Shell PLC said one of its oil sands mines was closed and another was in the process of being shut down. Suncor Energy Inc., whose oil sands operations are closest to the city, said it was reducing crude production.

The wildfire now covers about 18,500 acres,



This handout photograph obtained courtesy of the Alberta Agriculture and Forestry Department shows smoke rising from a heavily wooded area in the Canadian city of Fort McMurray. LYNN DAINA/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

officials said. No injuries or deaths were reported.

Strong winds, high temperatures and low humidity will again create "explosive conditions" on Wednesday, said Bernie Schmitte, forestry manager in the nearby municipality of Wood Buffalo. Schmitte added that more resources are being assembled across Canada.

Images from the neighborhood of Beacon Hill in the city's southeast showed rows of charred house foundations, their upper stories burned to the ground, and blankets of white ash within. Officials said 80 percent of houses in the neighborhood, nearly 600 in total, were destroyed. REUTES

BRIEF

Prince died on eve of planned meeting with addiction doctor

Music legend Prince died one day before he was scheduled to meet a doctor who specializes in addiction treatment for a "life-saving mission," the doctor's lawyer said at a news conference on Wednesday.

California doctor Howard Kornfeld was first contacted by Prince representatives on April 20, one day before the singer's body was discovered at his home, attorney William Mauzy told reporters.

"Dr. Kornfeld felt that his mission was a life-saving mission," Mauzy said.

The news came shortly before federal authorities, including the Drug Enforcement Administration, announced they were joining the investigation into Prince's death.

The cause of death remains undetermined, and it could be weeks before autopsy results are released. Police have said they found no signs of suicide or obvious trauma.

Kornfeld, who runs Recovery Without Walls, a clinic in Mill Valley, California, planned to fly to Minnesota to meet with Prince on April 22, Mauzy said. In the meantime, his son, Andrew Kornfeld, a staff member at his clinic, traveled to Minnesota on April 21 for an initial discussion.

When Andrew Kornfeld arrived at Paisley Park, the homestudio complex Prince owned in a Minneapolis suburb, the singer was not available, Mauzy said. A staff member found the artist unconscious in an elevator, and Kornfeld called 911. Prescription opioid medication was found at the scene, according to a law enforcement source with knowledge of the investigation but not authorized to speak publicly.

Mauzy confirmed Andrew Kornfeld had opioid medication used to treat pain and addiction in his backpack, but emphasized that no drugs were given to Prince by the doctor or his son.

It was not immediately clear whether Kornfeld's drugs were the same medication the law enforcement source said was found at the scene.

In a statement, the U.S. Attorney's office in Minnesota said it would join the Carver County Sheriff's ongoing probe into Prince's death.

"The DEA and U.S. Attorney's office are able to augment this local investigation with federal resources and expertise about prescription drug diversion," the office said.

Mauzy expressed concern that Andrew Kornfeld could face charges, but said he believes he would have immunity with regard to the medication in his backpack under a Good Samaritan 911 law. The lawyer did not elaborate further on possible charges. REUTERS



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Jay Z planning a "Lemonade" of his own



This will do little to quiet skeptics who think Beyonce and Jay Z's relationship troubles are all made up to boost album and concert ticket sales: The Tidal boss is reportedly planning his own album as a response to 'Lemonade," Beyonce's latest work that seems to detail their near-split.

"Jay is working on an album telling his side of things," a source tells Us Weekly. Let's just hope there isn't a song that includes, "Nah, but it really was some good hair'

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Honestly, this seems like a match made in tacky heaven. Kris Jenner is reportedly considering pack-

ing up the whole Kardashian team and sending them to Las Vegas for a residency at the Mirage called "Kardashians Live," according to In Touch. "It would be like a live version of their reality show but also a talk

show with special musical guests," a source says. "Kris thinks fans will gladly fork over \$50 per ticket for a live experience with her famously dysfunc-tional family." The sad part is, she's probably not wrong.

Rumer Willis won't take Photoshop "bullying"

Hollywood can be a cruel place, crueler than high school, even. Just ask Rumer Willis, who can't seem to catch a break from all the professional mean girls out there. Bruce and Demi's eldest daughter recently took to Instagram to lambast photographers Mark Williams and Sara Hirakawa for taking liberties with her appearance in a Vanity Fair photo shoot — altering her jaw to make it smaller, without her

knowledge or consent.

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photographer

shopped my face to make my jaw smaller and I find it really offensive for anyone to try and change the way you look so drastically," Willis wrote. "I love the way I look and I won't support anyone who would feel a need to change the way I look to make me beautiful. Whether or not they realize it, it is a form of bullying, which I won't stand for." So there.

Sarah Paulson defends her romantic life

Sarah Paulson recently went public about her relationship with fellow actress Holland Taylor, and more than a few folks have been making light of the age difference between the two women. Well, Paulson ain't having it. Or at least, she sounds a bit testy when discussing the idea that your romantic life is your own damn business, thank you very

"I believe that everyone should be allowed to speak their truth and just say what they want to say and show the world who they are," she tells the aggressively named NO TOFU magazine. "You should be able to love whomever you f—ing well please." To put it mildly. But Paulson is at least touched - if a bit baffled — by how much strangers care who she's dating.

"There was so much celebration about my relationship," she says. "So much so that I thought, 'Jesus, did everyone just assume I was going to be alone forever with 500 cats?' Hey, you said it, not

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Christopher Walken and Maryann Plunkett (in the background) play performance artists who've damaged their now-grown children, played by Jason Bateman and Nicole Kidman. STARZ

Christopher Walken isn't actually that scary

Despite playing a bad father in "The Fam-ily Fang," the Oscarwinner is a pussycat in real life.



Even Christopher Walken doesn't speak like Christopher Walken.

He may be tall and imposing, but the legendary actor is also soft-spoken and shy. When he talks he doesn't do what he does in movies: emphasizing odd syllables, pausing at random places, filling people with intense dread. When he's acting, it seems, even Christopher Walken is doing a Christopher Walken impersonation.

Walken is in NYC to speak about the indie dramedy "The Family Fang." The Oscar-winner plays one half of a famous performance artist couple (along with stage actress Maryann Plunkett) who've done a mental number on their kids, now grown and played by Nicole Kidman and Jason Bateman. (The latter also directed.) His character, Caleb, is no hero, but he's not a villain, as Walken has so often been typecast. Instead Caleb has rationalized the harm he does to others.

'There's that thing with certain people where they believe the breaking of eggs is necessary if you want to make an omelet," Walken tells us, quietly. "He steps on some toes because he thinks it's OK, because it's justified. Not a very nice man. I've never haď kids, but I'd never want that guy for a father."

Walken has spoken often about his longing to play characters more like him: not just complex but reserved, down-to-earth. A rare case in which that did happen was Steven Spielberg's "Catch Me If You Can," in which he played Leonardo Di Caprio's haunted, tragic father. Walken was rewarded with an Oscar nomina-

> more often, he says, is he'll sign up for a role only to find out it's been suddenly rewritten as wild and eccentric — what called "Walkenized."

"That happens to me a lot. I take a part and the writers decide they're going

to make it better or something. I hate when that happens," he says. "You're in the costume fitting and they say to you, 'This is for the scene where you throw her out the window.' You say, 'What scene is that?' And she opens the script and there's a scene you never saw before.'

That didn't happen with "The Family Fang, although Caleb is still more keyed-up than the actual Walken. Forced to talk about himself to a strange journalist in a tiny room, he's understandably withdrawn. He seems like what he really is: just a guy who, when not working in movies, lives a normal life in Connecticut. He rarely makes it to New York, although he confesses his dentist is still here.

Walken, 73, is also adamant about not being up with tech. He doesn't do social media, because he doesn't have a cellphone, and he doesn't even have a computer.

"I kind of just missed the boat," he says. "I've always been reluctant to do something any 7-year-old can do better than me. If I started using a computer right now, your 6-year-old nephew would run circles around me."

Not only that, he prefers to use his brain over gizmos. "I'm kind of an encyclopedia of old musicals," Walken says. "If I'm at dinner and somebody says, 'What's that show, what's that song?' usually I know. I can sing it. Then somebody will have a computer and they'll go bop-bop-bop, and a minute later they've got some recording of it. That's amazing.



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Post and Purpose

Post Malone talks "White Iverson," Justin Bieber and "the incident."



Beneath the hip-hop, rapper and producer Post Malone is a little bit country and a little bit rock 'n' roll. Throughout Malone's songs, there's a twang — an ode to country. It's something that's from his time in Texas.

Last year, Malone grabbed fans' attention with his single "White Iverson" — something that launched his career altogether. Lucky for him, the 20-year-old has found himself supporting

Justin Bieber on his U.S. tour. Along the way, he's found himself a mentor in Bieber as he prepares to release a mixtape and his debut album.

We caught up with Malone about his latest single, touring with Justin Bieber and "the incident" that caught the world's attention.

Tell me about the story behind your latest single "Go Flex." It's such an amalgamation of different genres. I started working with a couple of guys in L.A. named Rex and Ryan. I played guitar for them once, and they were like, let's incorporate both sounds and make something cohesive, but different at the same time. That's how the



Post Malone opens for the North American leg of Justin Bieber's Purpose World Tour. PROVIDED

sound and the idea for the song came about.

How did the success of "White Iverson" change your life?

It's probably the biggest change that I would have ever imagined. It's super surreal that I went from absolutely nothing to touring around the United States and playing shows everywhere. It's probably the most exciting thing that's

ever happened to me.

Who did you grow up listening to? How did these artists inspire your music now?

Well, my dad showed me the beauty of every type of music — from Metallica and Megadeth to Tupac and N.W.A. I really listened to everything. When I moved to Texas, I came into folk and old school country by myself. I really listen to everything. I know everybody says that, but I really learned to appreciate every genre and artist for who they are for the energy they're trying to convey.

Obviously, you've been performing with Justin several times so far. What's your favorite song off of his latest record "Purpose"?
There are so many. He's

so talented. It's so crazy watching him work. It's really inspiring. "Love Yourself," "Sorry" and "Company" are dope. They're all dope. It's impossible for him to make a bad song.

Have you two performed on stage together yet on tour? No, we haven't per-

No, we haven't performed together yet. But, there may or may not be stuff in the works soon.

Possibly a studio collaboration between you two? I can't say anything.

Let's talk about that incident with Justin Bieber. Are you guys good? What happened? Is there bad blood? Of course not. That's my big brother. He gave me the biggest blessing in the world. He's shown me positivity in

times where there was only negativity in my brain. We were sitting in a club in Houston, and he was like, "Let's make everybody think that we're mad at each other." And it really worked. We were just messing around. I woke up and my manager was like, "Bro, you're in an English newspaper."

What are you working on for the rest of 2016? I know I've been saying this, but we have a mixtape coming out soon. The album comes out in August. I want to do more shows and show everyone who I am, really. I'm collaborating with a lot of superdope people, and I can't disclose a lot of information, but there are a lot of cool collabs on [my album]. I'm excited to bring some more flavor to the table.

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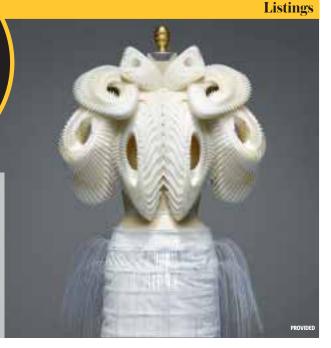
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PARTY

Candi Pop

May 6, 11:59 p.m. Brooklyn Bowl 61 Wythe Ave., Brooklyn \$12, Brooklynbowl.com

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BEER

Five Boro Craft Beer Fest

May 6, 6:30-11 p.m. The Well, 272 Messerole St. \$85, Fiveborocraftbeerfest.com More than 100 craft brews from over 40 regional breweries will be on hand, plus bites from local favorites like John Brown Smokehouse. Beehive Over. Mekelburg's and more, all yours to enjoy for 4 1/2 hours (so you might actually get to try everything).

PARTY

One Step Beyond

May 6, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. American Museum of Natural History, Columbus Avenue at 79th Street, \$25, AMNH.org Dance the night away like Neil

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PARTY

Midnight Experience

May 7 & Saturdays at midnight The Cutting Room, 44 E. 32nd St. \$20, Thecuttingroomnyc.com This new weekly party is destined to be a hot ticket. The 90-minute show includes aerialists, contortionists, circus acts and burlesque. Each week will feature new acts intended to disturb and arouse.

CITY LIFE

Urban Wildlife Appreciation Day

May 7, noon-3 p.m. Inwood Hill Park, 218th Street at Indian Road Free, NYC.gov/parks The smaller critters who roam NYC with us are usually considered germy pests at best. But NYC's Parks and Rec Department wants to help change that perception this Saturday with lessons about squirrels, skunks, coyotes and pigeons (plus music, crafts and games).

FILM

Labor of Love: 100 Years of Movie Dates

Through May 17 BAM, 30 Lafayette Ave. BAM.org

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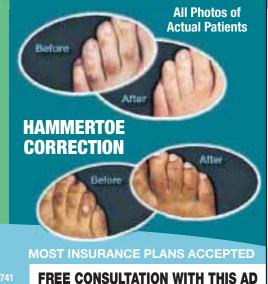
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Turns out when mom is no longer in charge of curfews and criticizing our choice of breakfast, she can be pretty great to hang out with. So why take her for a stuffy meal or buy gifts that couldn't mean nearly as much as spending a day together as the besties you've become?

New to both of you

Meet your mom at The Doughnut Project (10 Morton St., West Village) — or surprise her by getting in line early, since their offthe-wall creations often require a bit of waiting. You're both adults, so doughnuts are totally breakfast, whether or not you're brave enough to try their sweet-savory everything bagel hybrid. Then catch an Uber to the annual Frieze Art Fair on Randall's Island (\$49, noon-6 p.m.), which travels the world bringing together the best of galleries' holdings, the most promising new talents and on-site exhibitions. Two highlights: a reverse pickpocket who will leave guests with

surprise souvenirs, and a donkey munching on hay beneath a chandelier. Why not. They've even brought along some of the city's chicest restaurants including Cosme, Superiority Burger and Morgenstern's Finest Ice Cream.

Have a laugh

Broaden mom's brunch horizons at Mission Chinese Food (171 E. Broadway) with their dim sum and small plates menu full of everything but French toast and eggs Benedict, then stand back and marvel as she haggles stylish duds down to nothing while you browse Chinatown together. Make it to The Pit (123 E. 24th St.) by 4 p.m. to see three comedians take the stage with their moms — who they claim are scientifically proven to be the funnier parent — and celebrate them with some improv

Ladies of leisure

Rooftop brunch season is here, and a patio table at Catch (21 Ninth Ave., Meatpacking) is definitely the way to go, with cinnamon roll pancakes and farro health bowls (no judgment, remember?) Whatever you decide, after brunch stroll over to the "professional grade" 18-hole mini golf course on Pier 25 (225 West St.

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Lean into the fun

Admit it, you've been curious about the perpetual fiesta that is Señor Frog's (11 Times Square) ever since The New York Times didn't hate it. If your mom's up for phallic cocktail glasses and joining a conga line between courses, why not try it for brunch? Continuing your raunchy theme, instead of opting for the family-friendly musicals of Broadway, walk a few blocks to The Laura Pels Theatre (111 W. 46th St.) for "The Robber Bridegroom," the story of a Southern gentleman by day who turns Robin Hood by night that is an action-packed, sexy tribute to the bad boys we've all fallen for at some point (Sunday matinee at 2 p.m., \$99-\$109). Toast your day at Bathtub Gin (132 Ninth Ave.), the speakeasy hidden behind a coffee shop, but, like mom, has plenty of fun by night (there's an actual bathtub, though try not to end up in it).

Drinko de Mayo

Is there even enough tequila to keep up with these drink specials?

Pod 39 hotel's downstairs restaurant Salvation Taco (145 E. 39th St., Midtown East) is hauling its grub up to the 17th floor rooftop to serve carnitas and chicken tinga tacos paired with draft Negra Modelo for \$10, or homemade chicharron for \$5. Dinner and drinks (there are plenty more at the patio bar, like a frozen hibiscus ginger marg for \$10) are accompanied by music from Mariachi Tapatio de Alvaro Paulino and views of the Midtown skyline.

If you speak Spanish, you know **The Daisy** is named for the margarita — which means you also know this new Upper East Side gastropub will do Cinco right. Through Saturday, get \$5 braised short rib tostadas and house margaritas that are anything but the usual: Tromba Blanco tequila, St. Germaine, black pepper, egg white and lime marmalade. Chips with salsa and/or guac is also free and unlimited at the bar from 5-9 p.m.

Horchata (470 Ave of the Americas) is bringing back its 5 at 5 deal for a second year of wallet-friendly Cinco fun.



Beginning at 5 p.m., tacos, mini chicken quesadillas, guacamole, corn and flan are all \$5; same for shots of Milagro Silver tequila, frozen strawberry or classic margaritas and Tecate.

Trademark Taste + Grind, the new Midtown West spot (38 W. 36th St.) that's cafe in front, bar and restaurant in back, will serve a colorchanging margarita just for Cinco (\$12). Created by bartender Josh Mazza, it starts out as deep purple, changing into a light pink with the final ingredient.

Tex-Mex food was

hot for a long minute last year, but El Original (735 10th Ave., Hell's Kitchen) has the advantage of having been started by actual Texans. On Cinco, there will be \$5 margaritas and a frozen Mexican Martini (\$12), as well as food specials (\$5-\$15) from new chef Miguel Franco like Frito pie, Discoteca fries (get it?) with hatch chile-spiked queso and chili, and \$5 tacos from a sidewalk cart.

Reserve a table at Tex-Mex newcomer Avenida Cantina (25 Ave. B, East Village), which just opened in January, to get two and a half hours of bottomless Mexican beers and house margs along with an appetizer and entree for \$40. A mariachi band will keep things

Cinco de Mayo is just the beginning of the fun at Agave (140 Seventh Ave. S., West Village), where the specials like free bottomless chips and salsa at the bar, \$5 house margs and chicken quesadillas continue for two more nights (5-9 p.m).

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While you eagerly wait for Pandora — The World of Avatar at Animal Kingdom and lands devoted to "Star Wars" and "Toy Story" at Hollywood Studios, Disney's parks aren't standing still. This summer there are dozens of new restaurants, attractions and activities to merit a visit to Orlando.

Star Wars: A Galaxy Far Far Away

This show takes place on the stage right in front of the Chinese Theater at Hollywood Studios several times a day. Interspersed with projected scenes from all the movies, your favorite "Star Wars" heroes and villains appear including Darth Vader, C-3PO, Chewbacca and even BB-8.



The Amphicars are part of a massive expansion at Disney Springs. GETTY IMAGES

Amphicars

The whimsical 1960s-era Amphicars - vintage cars that also float like boats — offer guided tours of Village Lake in front of Disney Springs Boathouse restaurant all day long. The trips are not cheap at \$125, but they are a unique way for three people to spend 20 minutes, as Amphicar rides are not

offered anywhere else in the world. They are only at Disney Springs and, judging from the wait times, a hit.

Animal Kingdom **Rides by Night**

animals of the Kilimanjaro Safaris (particularly those on the savanna) are much more active. You could see lions, African dogs, hyenas, hippos, elephants and gazelles ambling under a perpetually setting sun.

Harambe Market

Open now by day, Memorial Day weekend by night

By day, four walk-up windows serve Africaninspired street food in a seafront African village that has been open since last year, with street entertainers and parties. But now the area comes alive at night as well, with the Harambe Wildlife Parti, a collection of drummers, singers, soccer players/performers and acrobats who will perform throughout the evening.

Frozen Ever After

Opens in June

Replacing the popular Maelstrom ride in Epcot's Norway Pavilion, this new ride will join Anna and Elsa in Arendelle for the Winter in Summer celebration, then travel to Elsa's Ice Palace and the North Mountain. All the original cast members returned to record the songs with new orchestrations especially for the ride.

Rivers of Light

Opens later this summer One of Disney's most technically complex and inventive shows debuts later this summer at Animal Kingdom, bringing the Discovery Lagoon to

life with dancing foun-

tains, floating lanterns,

animal films projected

onto curtains of mist,

music and other lively performances. The show uses Asian dance, music, shadowpuppets and songs to create a unique spectacle.

Royal Summerhaus

Opens June

Next door to Frozen Ever After in Epcot, the Norwegian village setting for the Royal Summerhaus was created after Imagineers traveled to Norway's Trondheim to find a suitable model. The authentic-looking village setting will set the scene for a meet-and-greet with Anna and Elsa inside the Royal Summerhaus itself, a cabin that was modeled on an actual country retreat for Norwegian royals.

Star Wars Launch Bay

Open Now

Already one of the most popular attractions in Disney's Hollywood Studios, Launch Bay contains an extensive exhibit of "Star Wars" replica props, vehicles and costumes; a place to play interactive video games; a theater where you can remember the magic of "Star Wars" from the beginning to "The Force Awakens"; and a character interaction area where you can meet and have your photo taken with Chewbacca or Kylo

Opens Memorial Day weekend Popular rides such as Kali River Rapids and Expedition Everest take on an entirely new feeling after dark. And at night, the

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St. Louis' Aledmys Diaz is a safe bet for double-digit home runs and steals, ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

HOT STARTS CAN BE FOOL'S GOLD IN FANTASY

Last week, we discussed what to do about a few big-name players who were off to slow starts. This time around, let's take a closer look at some less-established players who have come flying out of the gate.

Aledmys Diaz

Diaz defected from Cuba in 2013, and due to a dispute over his date of birth, MLB prevented him from signing with a team for six months. By the time he began playing in the Cardinals' minor league system, he hadn't participated in competitive baseball in over a year. Then he got hurt and didn't play well when he was healthy, to the point where he was exposed to waivers last July. Nobody claimed him, and Diaz has set about making every team in baseball regret that ever since. He started tearing up the minors last summer and has an absurd .403/.439/.727 line with five homers in his first 24 bigleague games. Those numbers

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OPINION

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won't hold up, but Diaz is a high contact hitter who hits the ball hard and has some speed. That should help him maintain a

forward. He's also a good bet for double-digit home runs and steals. That's good production from a middle infielder. HOLD/BUY

Eduardo Nunez

A utility player to this point in his career, Nunez is hitting a robust .371/.420/.484 with five stolen bases so far. He carries both third base and shortstop eligibility on all the major platforms, though his lack of power makes him a poor fit at the hot corner on fantasy rosters. That's where he's gotten the bulk of his playing time this year thanks to an injury to regular Twins third baseman Trevor Plouffe. Nunez has made the most of his opportunity, but his production isn't supported by any significant change in his profile, approach or peripherals. Instead, it's almost solely the product of luck — his .431 BABIP is the fifth-highest in baseball and 130 points above his

nearing a return, which could make playing time difficult to come by.



Part of the offseason trade that sent Ken Giles to Houston, there was some doubt as to whether Velasquez would ultimately find himself in the rotation or at the back of the bullpen. He won the Phillies' fifth-starter job out of camp and has been a revelation, posting a 1.44 ERA and 0.89 WHIP through



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Lakers could target Carmelo

Los Angeles is reportedly looking to trade away its 2016 lottery pick and more.



Luke Walton was given a plan by Lakers GM Mitch Kupchak that he liked. It's hard to imagine that that plan involved threeto-four more years of rebuilding.

The Lakers are the Lakers because they're never in rebuilding mode for more than a few years and this is now a franchise that has not won a playoff series since 2012. The pressure is on Kupchak to flip the script this summer, and the only way Los Angeles can instantly turn into a title contender is by trading their upcoming lottery pick. The rumors have al-



The Lakers need a superstar now that Kobe Bryant is retired. Could Carmelo Anthony be their guy? GETTY IMAGES

ready started.

"Ĭ've now been told by two separate sources that even if the Lakers get the No. 1 pick they're trading it, said Fox Sports radio host Colin Cowherd. "They don't want to rebuild anymore. They want to get a star NBA player. They will call teams if they get the No. 1 pick and shop it around the league."

A package involving this year's pick (LA currently has the second-best odds of landing the No. 1 overall pick at 19.9 percent and they have a 55.8 percent chance of staying at No. 2) and last year's No. 2 overall pick — D'Angelo Russell — would catch the

"They don't want to rebuild anymore. They want a star NBA player. They will call teams if they get the No. 1 pick and shop it around."

Fox Sports 1 radio host Colin Cowherd, on the Lakers

ear of any GM around the league. The trick for the Lakers is finding a team that already has a superstar in place and a team

that craves young talent. The Knicks are the best bet. Phil Jackson would not have a tough time selling a young core Kristaps Porzingis, D'Angelo Russell and a Ben Simmons or Brandon Ingram to New York fans. Carmelo Anthony is far from beloved in Manhattan, and the time just seems right for a blockbuster swap this summer. Jackson could mold that young core the way he wants, with no triangle interference from Carmelo.

The Knicks currently do not own a 2016 draft

As for the timing of a potential swap, the Lakers would be best advised to make a major move on or around draft day (June 23). If they already have a superstar like Anthony in place, anything is possible in free agency for LA (still the marquee destination in the league).

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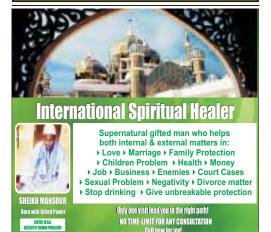
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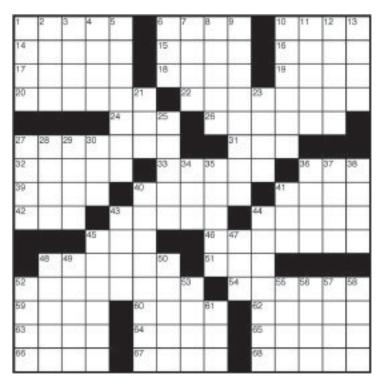








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Across

1 Exciting

6 Not a repro.

10 Traffic sound

14 Burn candles to 15 NFL coach Chuck -

16 Glimpse

17 Organ feature

18 Pittsburgh river

19 Cook in a wok

20 Proper

22 Spectacles part 24 Wyo. neighbor

26 Vacuum tubes

27 Hostile toward

31 Hydrocarbon suffix

32 Brief affair

33 Circular

36 Snow boot

39 Molasses-based drinks

40 Gaucho's rope 41 Edit out

42 Lama's chants

43 Artichoke morsel

44 Languished

45 Dodge City loc. 46 Make lovelier

48 Posted

51 Big carnival city

52 Sifted

54 Type of gasoline

59 Centrally located

60 List detail

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62 Type of force

63 Pocket jingler

64 Fictional sub commander

65 "Maria —'

66 Injury memento

67 Snowball

68 Type of panel

Down

1 Channel-surfs

2 — fixe

3 Twig juncture

4 Lab weight

5 Raising a ruckus

6 She loved Lennon

7 Mies van der -

8 Old war story

9 Sobriquet of Elizabeth I

10 Next to

11 Helena rival

12 These have many extras

13 Ceremonial fire

21 Fabric meas.

23 Swimming hole

25 Posh hotel lobbies 27 Beehive kin

28 Down in the dumps

29 Purposes

30 Good connections

34 Thole filler

35 Sheer

36 Madonna ex

37 Knighted Guinness 38 Grant, as land

40 Overhauling

41 Width of a cir.

43 Moon ring

44 Brownish songbirds

45 More humane

47 Zilch

48 Ape or parrot

49 Feminine principle, to Jung

50 Advise not to

52 Gamblers' rolls

53 Slightly used car 55 A Guthrie

56 Combat for two

57 Mediterranean landmark

58 Treasured

61 Cut grass

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Aries Balance, integrity and proper incentives will help you get your way. Take a moment to enjoy what you have and be grateful for it. Don't



Taurus Represent who you are and what you plan to do in a unique manner. A debate with someone from a different background is best handled with diplomacy.

get dragged into someone else's melodrama.



Gemini A set budget will help you avoid unnecessary purchases and financial loss. Don't feel obliged to give money to someone looking for a handout. Offer suggestions, nothing more.



Cancer Your versatility will surprise friends and family. Consistency has always been your modus operandi, but today, taking a unique position or path will bring stellar results.

Leo You will need to compromise if you want

to get things done. A positive but passionate

approach that offers incentives will help you get



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Scorpio Draw interest by offering a different perspective on a situation at home. Your concerns and suggestions will qualify your position and help you gain approval.



Sagittarius You can only do so much. Put a limit on your spending and time. You'll be given false information that could lead you astray. Do your own research.



Capricorn Home should be your first concern. Supplying comforts and security is important, but don't jeopardize your financial position. Honesty and affordable plans will bring good results.



Aquarius Accept the inevitable and make whatever you are faced with work to your advantage. Don't be swayed by someone looking out for his or her own interests.



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